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LOLA BALLARD DESPINS, Day Clerk at the Lincoln Apartment Hotel, 1648 West Lunt, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at her place of employment. DESPINS was shown a xerox copy of Registration Card Number 8075. She advised this card was made out by her and the person registering filled out the name, the street, the city and the state.

DESPINS stated she recalls the individual named on this card, JOHN L. RAYNS; however, she can not recall the individual's facial features. Mrs. DESPINS was shown photographs of the following individuals:

ROBERT T. KENNEDY, FBI Number [REDACTED]

FRANK GRUDZINSKI, FBI Number [REDACTED]

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942G

PHILLIP J. KURTZ, Chicago Police Department IR No. [REDACTED]

ROBERT I. CHERN, FBI Number [REDACTED]

WILLIE G. DEERINGWATER, FBI Number [REDACTED]

Mrs. DESPINS stated none of these individuals looked familiar to her.

Mrs. DESPINS made available a ledger sheet for room number 105 for June, 1967. This sheet shows room number 105 was rented on June 18, 1967. The amount for this rental was a total of \$13.61. A notation on June 19, 1967 shows "checked out". Mrs. DESPINS advised this means the person renting the room on June 18, 1967, checked out on June 19, 1967. She stated this person did not come by the desk and did not get back his \$1.00 deposit.

Mrs. DESPINS stated she recalled that the individual who rented the room came to the desk, signed the registration card, then went outside. When he came inside to

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sign the registration card, he had no luggage. However, when he walked around the windows on the outside to go to his apartment, she recalled he was carrying a suitcase.

Mr. DESPINS did not see anyone with Mr. RAYNS and she did not know him to have any visitors; however, his apartment is entered from the rear of the building and visitors would not come past the desk where she works.

Mrs. DESPINS advised room 105 is a small room with a small bed, chest of drawers, and table. The occupants of room 105 share a bath with other roomers in the area.

Mrs. DESPINS reviewed the ledger sheet for room 105 for June, 1967, and determined Mr. RAYNS did not make any long distance phone calls or any phone calls which were reported on this ledger sheet.